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FOR: DETECTION OF CD8⁺ T CELL RESPONSES TO M. TUBERCULOSIS

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND REFUND REQUEST

May 5, 2006

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On behalf of his client, the undersigned attorney asserts under 37 CFR § 1.27(c) that this application is entitled to small entity status and to pay fees accordingly.

Applicants request a refund under 37 CFR § 1.28(a) for the overpayment made when the three-month extension of time for response and Notice of Appeal were filed on April 14, 2006. The fees paid were \$1020 as the three-month extension of time for response and \$500 for the Notice of Appeal. Refund of a portion amounting to \$760 is requested: \$510 for the three-month extension of time for response and \$250 for the Notice of Appeal. Therefore, it is requested that the overpayment of \$760 be refunded to Applicants' attorney by crediting his firm's Deposit Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. 3772-18. For this purpose, a duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 3772-18 C# M# LALVANJ et al. TC/A.U.: 1645 Examiner: R.P. Swartz Serial No. 10/721,798 Date: April 14, 2006 November 26, 2003 Filed: ÓNSES TO M. TUBERCULOSIS DETECTION OF CD8+ 1 Title: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. **NOTICE OF APPEAL** Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences 500.00 from the last decision of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting \$500.00 (1401)/\$250.00 (2401) applicant's claim(s). An appeal BRIEF is attached in the pending appeal of the \$500.00 (1402)/\$250.00 (2402) above-identified application Credit for fees paid in prior appeal without decision on merits94/19/2006 AKELECH1 00000001 10721798 01 FC:1401 (no fee) A reply brief is attached in triplicate under Rule 41.41 02 FC:1253 900.00 OP Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review form attached. Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) paper and attachment(s) Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252) Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253) Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) 1020.00 "Small entity" statement attached. Less one month extension previously paid on January 27, 2006 120.00) TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 1400.00 Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.** 901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor By Atty: Gary R. Tanigawa, Reg. No. 43,180 Arlington, Virginia 22203-1808 음음 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 88 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 ुर्ग इ GRT:ap Signature: 0030031723 4/18/2006-AKELECH1=00000026-10721798

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